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## Public Auctions

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on  
**FRIDAY, July 13, 1923,**  
commencing at 11 a.m.  
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

## A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods

Comprising:—  
Electric Motors, Torches, Joints, Packings, Voltaic Sots, Ampere-meters, Lateral Files, Dureco Points, Goodyear Inner Tubes, Dunlop Outer Covers, Sissors, Razors, Crucibles, Spark Plugs.Also  
A Quantity of Leather, Dyed, etc., etc.  
One Westco Electric Light Plant with BatteriesAnd  
24 Electric Table Fans.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

on

**FRIDAY, July 13, 1923,**  
commencing at 5.15 p.m.  
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## A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps

(Full Particulars from Catalogue)

On View from Wednesday, the 11th July, 1923

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Hongkong, July 7, 1923.

on

**SATURDAY, July 14, 1923,**  
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## A Quantity of High Class Havana, Manila &amp; Dutch Cigars (well-known Brands)

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Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

on

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## One Set of Mint Machinery

This lot comprises a complete set of

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100,000 (one hundred thousand) pieces

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Terms—20 per cent of purchase

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Balance to be paid within two weeks of

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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Hongkong, June 13, 1923.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. A. Silva Netto

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on

**TUESDAY, July 17, 1923,**  
commencing at 11 a.m.  
at "Belmont" No. 63 Robinson Road

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Comprising:—

Grandfather Clock, Hattanah, hall

lamps, marble top table, hall chairs, hall

carpet, drawing room suite, bevelled

glass overmantle, marble top table,

carpet and rug, brass vases and

ornaments, bronze statuette, electric

and brackets, curtains, and a collection

of old Chinese Chaises, ceiling and

table fans, etc., etc.

Solid teak extension dining table and

chairs, side-board with bevelled mirror,

dinner wagon and glass cabinet (im-

ported from America), tea table, dinner

crockery and fine hand painted dessert

set, marble clock, brass mounted fender

and fire brasses, crystal cut glass table

services, table ornaments vases and

bowls, cutlery, silver table ware and E.

P. ware, etc., etc.

Iron bedsteads, (double and single)

double and single wardrobes with

bevelled mirror doors, dressing table

with marble top and bevelled mirror,

chests of drawers, washstand, toilet

crockery, tapestry and lace curtains,

linen and one fine silver bed room

suite, porcelain basins and enamel bath,

American ice chest, cooking buffet,

gasers, boilers, and cooking utensils,

a collection of oil paintings and water

colours by well known artists.

Also

One Auto piano by Robinson &amp; Co.

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One Columbia Gramophone and

records.

And

One full size billiard table by John

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accessories, comprising:—Cue,

masks, balls, one stand and electric

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And

A quantity of maiden hairs, palms

and plants in pots.

On View from Sunday the 15th July

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## ODDS AND ENDS.

## MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

## Lord Meath's Wireless Message.

This message is addressed to

some 420,000 people, free

citizens of a free common-

wealth, comprising about a quarter

of the human race," said the Earl

of Meath in a message broadcasted

from 2 L.O. in connection with

Empire Day. The very word

"Empire," he said, had taken on a

new and grander significance.

Over 3,250,000 men from overseas,

all subjects of the King, rushed to

the assistance of the 6,000,000

soldiers raised within the United

Kingdom. As often as the word

"Empire," was uttered we should

think not simply of London,

Wellington, Sydney, or Cape

Town, but of the glories of Galli-

poli and the unconquerable defence

of Ypres.

## Lord Northesk.

The plans of Miss Jessica Brown,

former member of the Ziegfeld

Follies, and Lord Northesk to

marry quietly in New York

were upset by the city clerk, Mr.

Michael Cruise, who said that the

laws of New York State would not

allow him to recognise the divorce

which Miss Brown obtained in

Chicago in October from Mr. Cyril

De Witt Reinhardt, a naval

engineer. Lord Northesk first

showed his licence, giving his age

as 21, occupation, none, present

residence the Ritz-Carlton Hotel,

New York. Miss Brown produced

her divorce certificate. Mr. Cruise

shook his head, but he admitted

that the divorce would be valid in

neighbouring States. Questioned

later, Lord Northesk said that prob-

ably they would go to New Jersey

or Connecticut for the ceremony.

## Bank as Fortress.

The new Fourth Federal Reserve

Bank building at Cleveland (Ohio)

has many details of architecture

and ingenuity that make it one of

the most remarkable in the United

States. The main vault is 30 feet

below the street level. The side

and rear walls are 6 feet thick

and the front wall is 7 feet thick

and has the heaviest door in the world.

The vault is designed to hold up

ward of two million dollars in gold

and securities. Customers can

look through behind iron bars

when transacting business with a

cashier. A gallery of armour plate

surrounds the first floor, with loop-

holes from which guards can see

everything occurring below. Truck

driveways lead directly into the

mail room. Armed guards can

look down upon the mail room and

command it with rifles, while

statues at each of the entrances to

the building will conceal machine-

guns.

## Cat and the Pekingese.

An orange cat and a Pekingese

dog appeared very pleased to meet

in Shorditch County Court, Miss

Betty Morris, of 3, Bergholt-cres-

cent, Ambhurst Park, N., claimed

the cat or its value, £5, from Mr. H.

Sayers, of 34, Bergholt-crescent.

She told the judge that she bought

the cat as a kitten, but it disappeared

from her home for four months.

Six months ago it returned, washed

her Pekingese, got into its bed, and

renewed the great friendship the

two animals had formerly display-

ed. Three weeks later Mr. Sayer's

sister called for the cat, but it was

not surrendered. On April 27 it

disappeared while in the garden.

The cat, produced by Mr. Sayers,

was placed on the solicitors' table

and Miss Morris called: "Gin

Gin," but the cat took no notice. It

was then placed beside the dog,

which wagged its tail, and the two

made friends.

The hearing was adjourned.

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## BIRTH.

**SULERZYSKI.**—On July 6, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. de Sulerzyski, a son.

## DEATH.

**DONNELLY.**—Belle, beloved wife of Denis E. Donnelly on the 8th inst., in London (by cable).

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1923.

## STILL WE WAIT.

Skimming to-day's news, the observant will not have failed to note two items which read rather quaintly when taken together. Singapore is presenting the Imperial Government with free sites for the proposed naval base and aerodrome. Hongkong is still bounding the War Office for its military lands. Singapore thus earns the warmest praises; Hongkong earns the greatest contempt! But comparisons are ever odious and this time they are grossly misleading. Without belittling Singapore's "generous" welcome, and patriotic gift, one can yet point out that the land for these sites will not be in the city's way; that it will not strangle the city's growth. One can point out, indeed, that the base will mean much money for Singapore. Apart from the \$10,000,000 which will be laid out there for the actual works, many thousands—ultimately many millions—will find their way into Straits pockets from Navy funds. Not for one minute do we impute that this view has moved our sister Crown Colony to make the gift. Singapore could have taken all she will get and never have raised the

smallest finger to have helped the sorely harassed Home taxpayer. That fact speaks for itself. Our only motive in dealing with the Straits gift at all is that strangers in our midst, learning that Hongkong, much less giving away sites, is wanting existing ones handed back, may contrast the two news items to our discredit; and after the odium this Colony has suffered through child slaves and immoral women, our good name needs jealous care. Everyone now admits that the military lands delay amounts to a scandal—everyone but the sublime War Office which alone blocks the way. Long overdue, the transfer of the military lands is now vitally essential, alike in the interests of the Colony generally and the military themselves. The Colony's area available for commercial purposes is strictly limited and commonsense demands that this area should be put to the best use. The military lands occupy a very large tract in the city's heart. They divide the Western from the Eastern district, hamper free communication and cramp the natural development of the business centre. No question of military strategy is involved and there are many better sites, belonging to the Colonial Government, where the troops could enjoy more healthy and spacious surroundings. The local Government and the local military authorities have long ago done all they can. Our public men have talked themselves hoarse and our newspaper editors have written themselves profane. To-day we are told that the Secretary of State for Colonies himself is "fully aware of the importance to Hongkong of the military lands question," and that "he has not failed to represent it to the War Office." Again the War Office, which nothing it seems can move. Three months ago the

Under Secretary for Colonies hoped the transfer would take place "with the least possible delay." Hongkong is now learning what that means. And the experience is proving—interminable.

## "Encore Encore."

Every music-lover is not, apparently, ready to agree with the condemnation of Opera encores as "unquestionably inartistic" contained in a note in this column last week. Discussing the subject in the correspondence columns of *The Outlook* Mr. F. H. S. Hammond declares emphatically that "Italian Opera is meant to be encored; it falls flat without it; and when English politeness takes the form of attempts to prevent the Covent Garden audience from encores separate numbers in 'Bohème' or 'Aida' the result is quite surprisingly depressing." He suggests that it explains why these operas are never so convincingly performed by Covent Garden "stars" as they are in small provincial towns in Italy. Mr. Hammond's contention about the Italian opera is too controversial to discuss adequately here but he does seem to hit a nail on the head when he goes on to deal with the encore nuisance at concerts. It is not only in London that "the dreariest of turns are repeated time after time on the strength of a few handclaps" and there are concert artists and concert organisers in Hongkong who might well adopt Mr. Hammond's advice to cultivate sufficient restraint to enable them to distinguish between mere "English politeness" and a genuine demand for more. The remedy is surely, as he pointed out, not for the audience to refrain from expressing a moderate satisfaction when such an expression is due, but for the performers to wait for something like enthusiastic applause before they come on again.

## Peking Politics.

Latest advices from Peking throw little real light on the political situation owing to the activities of the propagandists on the Chihli side and those in the pay of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. One thing, however, is plain—the present "government" of China is nearing the end of its tether and may collapse at any moment for lack of funds. On July 5 Mr. Chang Ying-hua, the Minister of Finance, journeyed to Tientsin to try and persuade Mr. Wang Kung-ming, the Governor of the Port of China to assume the portfolio of Finance. Mr. Wang is said to have "promised all possible help" but refused the portfolio. It would thus appear that no financial aid can be expected in that quarter for the present. Marshal Tiao Kun, of course, may be prepared to foot the bill until the presidential election is held on August 15, but if he pays the piper he will want to call the tune. In the meantime, the Chihli Party appear most anxious to bring about an understanding between Marshal Tiao Kun and Dr. Sun Yat-sen. From the frantic efforts being made by the Chihli leaders to conclude an agreement with Canton it would appear that a pact with Dr. Sun can alone save the "Peking" (Marshal Tiao Kun) from "losing face," in so far as he wishes foreigners to believe that he has no ambition to rule at Peking except at the wish of the people. However, should all efforts to reach an agreement with Sun Yat-sen fail, the Peking War Lord will probably use his military power to "protect" the Peking Government—a government of his own benchmen. At the moment, if one can put any faith in reports from Dr. Sun's propagandists, the founder of the Republic of China is more inclined to strengthen the triple alliance between the Kuomintang, the Anfuists and Mukden Marshal than come to terms with the Peking Government. Latest cable advices state that Mr. Chang Ying-hua has resigned and that Cabinet officials are hopeful that Mr. Wang Kung-ming will accept the portfolio of Finance. The present quiet may be the lull before the storm and Tuan Chi-jui, the Anfuist leader, may yet be found opposing Tiao Kun. The developments of the next few weeks will have a very grave bearing upon China's future position vis-à-vis the Powers.

## Today's Poem.

Many a tree is found in the wood  
And every tree for its use is good;  
Some for the strength of the gnarled root,  
Some for the sweetness of flower or fruit;  
Some for shelter against the storm,  
And some to keep the hearth-stone warm.  
Some for the roof, and some for the beam,  
And some for a boat to breast the stream.  
In the wealth of the wood since the world began  
The trees have offered their gifts to man.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

July 12.—Coronet Theatre, "Just Dogs" and Constance Talmadge in "The Perfect Woman."  
July 12.—World Theatre, "The Chickasha Bone Crusher" and Constance Binney in "Midnight."  
July 12.—Star Theatre, Italian Grand Opera Company, "Mignon."  
July 14.—Star Theatre, Nikola, the World's Greatest Magician and Illusionist.  
July 21.—Band Concert, Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.  
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
July 13.—Lammert Bros.: valuable postage stamp, sales rooms, 5.15 p.m.  
July 14.—Lammert Bros.: High-class Havana, Manila and Dutch cigars; sales rooms, 11 a.m.  
July 16.—Lammert Bros.: wines, spirits and malt liquors, at their Duddell Street sales room, 11 a.m.  
July 16.—One lot—Crown land, 4,400 sq. ft., Tai Kok Tsui—upset price \$8,800. P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Commencing July 14, The Great Nikola with his company are performing at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

The Po Kwong Photo Studio, art picture dealers, 129, Wellington Street, advertise photo supplies and developing work.

Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Import Department, are selling white cotton drill, coloured alpaca and proof union silk in whole or half piece lots at popular prices.

That part of Castle Peak Road which has been blocked since the damage caused by the typhoon will be closed for another six weeks or so as a retaining wall has to be built.

A large quantity of wines, spirits and malt liquors of well-known brands will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at their Duddell Street sales rooms at 11 a.m. on July 16.

Reuters cables from Peking that the Cabinet has decided to open Peking as a freeport. They have appointed Cheng Yuan Chuan Director of the Port Opening Administration. The Cabinet have also decided to allocate \$500,000 from the Peking octroi, for educational expenses in Peking.

According to a *Reuters* cable from Peking, a mandate issued at midnight on July 9, accepted Chang Ying Hua's resignation and appointed Kang Ko Ming Finance Minister. It is still uncertain whether the latter will take up the post, but Cabinet officials are optimistic. Dr. Wellington Koo is returning from the Western Hills, and officials are hopeful that he will now take up the position of Foreign Minister.

An interesting and important development of the anti-Japanese boycott movement is recorded in the *Shanghai Nichi Nichi*. This journal states that a number of anonymous letters have been received by the landlord of property in Woosung Road, instructing him to get rid of his Japanese tenants. The *Nichi Nichi* understands that he has given orders for the tenants to leave and that the latter are now preparing to enter a protest.

A number of local politicians whose principal desire seems to be to make Shanghai the political centre of China have just suffered a disappointment, says the *N.C.D. News*. There was a report that Dr. Sun Yat-sen was to come here in response to a demand by various leaders for his presence, but this now turns out to be incorrect. The exigencies of his military campaign in the south seem to be too great. At the same time Dr. Sun is reported to have refused any funds to the M. P.'s with the object of inducing them to go to Canton.

According to the *N.C.D. News*, a considerable amount of labour unrest is at the present moment prevalent in Shanghai. Various demands have been noted within recent days for substantial increases of wages on the part of the lower paid workers, and only a week or two ago strikes involving 2,000 of the workers were recorded. There seems little indication of any "settling" of the labour situation for another case is reported. This is on the part of the presented an ultimatum to their employers for an increase of no less than 30 per cent. in their wages, failing the payment of which they intend to strike. In addition boatmen engaged in the local timber trade threaten to cease work as a result of a reduction in their wages from \$20 to \$18, while 40 lace-makers in Ferry Road have already come out.

## STREET IDLERS.

BUSY THOROUGHFARE BLOCKED.

Action taken by the police following several complaints made by European offices with frontages on the Praya Ferry wharf, resulted in a number of coolies and boatwomen being charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning with causing an obstruction by squatting on the pavement.

It was explained by Detective Sergeant Elston, who had charge, that defendants were in the habit of looting up against the walls of the buildings with their legs stretched out, thereby impeding pedestrians on the pavement. His Worship bound defendants over in the sum of \$10 each.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Silk forwarded from here by the "Empress of Russia" on June 14 arrived in New York on July 8, having been 34 days in transit.

Discomfort from mosquito and other pests can now be eradicated by the application of Flygon. Obtainable at all leading dispensaries.

The returns of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended yesterday, report 1 case of plague, 2 small-pox and one enteric. All the patients are Chinese.

Messrs. J. T. Shaw announce a fine collection of materials for summer wear, including serges, gabardines, drills &c. and will be glad to show same to intending customers.

The activities of the Y.M.C.A., during the next few days include the usual Sunday meeting, a film display on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and exercises and play for Chinese Lukongs. The Evening School finishes a successful term this week.

The Rev. H. R. Wells of the London Mission has presented a large telescope to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the use of members and the general public. Mr. Wells is also bearing the cost of a small shelter on the roof garden for this telescope. The gifts are much appreciated.

Five dead bodies, believed to be those of passengers who perished when the steam-launch "Fee Din Yat" sank off the Western Praya wall, were recovered yesterday. In all over twenty bodies have been found since the disaster, but the police cannot say definitely if they are all those of passengers of the "Fee Din Yat."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. George Bachelder, the oldest European in Burma, has died suddenly at 103.

The death has occurred of Mr. Seymour Lucas, R.A., a painter of subjects of national interest.

It is announced in Peking that Sir Ronald Macleay, who was taken ill shortly after leaving Shanghai, is suffering from tonsillitis.

Mr. Charles Rennie Cowie, of Glasgow, East India merchant, who left personal estate valued at £131,715, made several bequests for Church work.

Mr. William Rolle Malcolm, senior partner in Coutts's Bank, left estate of the gross value of £300,499. The will of Alderman Sir Joseph Sykes Rymer, four times Lord Mayor of York, has been sworn at £256,681.

Mr. L. J. Cubitt, of Scott, Harding, and Co., metals, machinery, and general importers, of Shanghai, is due to arrive in England shortly. Letters care of the Secretary, Advisory and Information Bureau, "Manchester Guardian Commercial."

Mr. S. Swancoat, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Shanghai, importers of metals and general goods, is expected in England shortly. He can be reached through the Secretary, Advisory and Information Bureau, "Manchester Guardian Commercial."

Messrs. F. L. Clarke and G. C. Pelham, clerical officers in the British Foreign Office, seconded for service in China, arrived at Shanghai on July 6 by the P. & O. s.s. "Khiva." Mr. Clarke will be attached to the Consulate-General at Shanghai, while Mr. Pelham proceeds to Tientsin to the Consulate there.

## Can You Afford the Risk?

Were you ever seized with a severe attack of dizziness or diarrhoea with out a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house? Don't take such risks. A dose or two will cure you before a doctor could possibly be called, and it never fails even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by all Chemists and Stockists.

## CIVIC NEEDS.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

## POLICE REFORM WANTED.

Kowloon's need for better police protection was among the pressing local matters which the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association discussed at its usual monthly meeting held early this week. Among recent crimes which were cited as making this need urgent, was the horrible murder of a Chinese police constable only a few weeks ago in the very heart of the residential area. After a long prolonged discussion, during which a very strong case was made out for a stronger police force in Kowloon, the meeting decided to urge the Government to take immediate action.

## TRAFFIC TANGLE.

Another pressing matter, also discussed was the traffic tangle outside the Kowloon Ferry Wharf. A letter was read from the Captain Superintendent of Police stating that certain improvements were being effected. He had arranged for the Kowloon City buses to be diverted to the left of the triangle and to go out by the right into Salisbury Road. Mr. Wolfe asked the Association to assist him by trying to impress on the travelling public to keep to the left instead of spreading all over the road as they do at present on leaving the ferry. He had arranged for a European sergeant to attend at the ferry during the rush hours, and had also arranged for a constable to be on duty at the junction of Salisbury and Nathan Roads during certain hours. Recently he had dealt with two of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s drivers for speeding; the licence of one had been suspended for four months and that of the other for one month.

## THE WAY OUT.

Messrs. W. J. Stokes, B. Wylie and R. Packham having studied the problem as a sub-committee, Mr. Stokes read their report. This urged that in order to obviate the present confusion of vehicles and pedestrians the one guiding rule of the road should be rigidly upheld—keep to the left. Any attempt to ignore this rule should invite stern measures in the interests of public safety. The report then showed how the existing tangle could be eliminated entirely to the area lying between the ricksha shelter and the island where they would have a turning circle of 60 feet in diameter; the size of the island to be considerably reduced; the southern part of Salisbury Road to be restored to a line that would bring the existing line of trees into the roadway; shelter to be provided for passengers using buses and taxis; and efficient European supervision to be provided, at least during the busy hours.

The meeting resolved to forward both report and plan to the Government with an offer to explain any points desired.

## IMPROVED LIGHTING.

Some time ago the Association pressed for improved lighting in Kowloon. A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary.

With a view to obtaining greater efficiency in the lighting of Salisbury and Nathan Roads, three light cluster lamps are to be installed on all the central lamps on these roads and on the usual type of lamps in Chatham Road between Middle Road and Gascoigne Road. The lamp in Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry is to be converted into a four cluster lamp.

In Coronation Road, Gascoigne Road and Chatham Road four 100-watt electric lamps are to be replaced at intervals of approximately 80 yards with 400 candle-power electric lamps supported by suitable standards.

The additions to the electric lighting of the Tai Kok Tsui and Kowloon City districts are of the type now in use, namely 100 candle-power and additional gas lamps are also to be provided.

Altogether 246 additional lamps will be installed. The additional cost of the lighting and upkeep will be approximately \$7,300 for gas and \$6,800 electricity per annum.

## LETTER BOXES.

Thanks to the Postal Sub-committee's good work and the Postmaster-General's ready co-operation, Kowloon now enjoys improved facilities, additional letter boxes having been provided at the following places—

## TSM SEA TSUI.

Junction of Nathan Road and Halphong Road.  
Jordan Road.  
Junction of Gascoigne Road and Chatham Road.

## KOWLOON CITY.

Junction of Sai Kung Road and Fourth Street.  
Kowloon City Road at Hongkong Hide and Leather Factory.

## HOMUNTUN.

Liberty Avenue. Opposite No. 2.

## OUR MILITARY LANDS.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S REPLY.

The Hon. Secretary of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong (Mr. H. R. Remington) sends us the following copy of a letter just received from the Colonial Secretary relative to the 5th resolution passed at the Public Meeting held at the City Hall on March 9, last. No reference is made to the other resolutions—

## [COPY.]

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, July 7, 1923.  
"Sir,—With reference to the letter of March 23, 1923, forwarded by your Association in conjunction with the Kowloon Residents' Association, I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has replied that he is well aware of the importance to Hongkong of the Military Lands question and that he has not failed to represent it to the War Office. I am, sir, Your obedient servant."  
(Sgd.) A. G. M. FLETCHER.  
The Hon. Secretary, Constitutional Reform Association.

## VISITING THE STRAITS.

Mrs. Harry Woods and her daughter Aileen departed yesterday by the "Kutsung" for the Straits on a professional visit, and intend to proceed to Sumatra, and other ports. The period of their absence is not definite. It will be remembered that Miss Aileen and her sister Doris made very many successes in Hongkong some time ago in their Caribart work, but the scene of their first triumphs after leaving America and South Africa was the Straits and the Federated Malay States to which they are now proceeding. It can be safely claimed that no artistes met with greater receptions and scored more popularity than the Misses Woods. They were the first to introduce the line of Caribart work into the East and travelled through India, Burma, the Philippines, Japan and China, performing at all the principal clubs in all the cities during the four years of the war. It was only when the Armistice was signed that they relinquished their singing, and went in entirely for teaching and they have taught continuously ever since in Japan, Korea and Hongkong. The latter part has been their home for three years and they have made many friends and have proved themselves as a Singapore contemporary writes "past masters in the Art of Teaching." All the best wishes have gone with these two clever ladies in their venture.

## BASEBALL.

## CANTON vs. HONGKONG.

The Canton all-Americans Baseball team are due at Happy Valley to try conclusions with the Hongkong Baseball Club on Saturday afternoon next. The visitors are said to have a very strong nine this year and are confident of lowering the colours of the local boys. According to present arrangements, the Canton lineup will be:

## CANTON TEAM.

Heinrich	p.
Lewis	c.
Bucknell	cb.
Banno	s.s.
Collins	3b.
Pace	1b.
Hodgkins	i.f.
Mackie	r.f.
Miller	c.f.

When Harold Styles, a young man of Sheffield, was charged at Nottingham with stealing a motor-car, it was stated that the theft was prompted by "swollen head," and a desire to "swank." He was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Further extension of Kowloon postal facilities was being considered, it was stated, but hitherto all attempts to induce stores, both European and Chinese, to sell stamps had failed.

## BATHING FACILITIES.

Before the bathing season began the Committee suggested that the Kowloon facilities would be greatly improved if the Government provided a bamboo pier, 50 feet long, similar to the one at North Point. This has been done. Furthermore a matchless bath has been erected and seats have been provided.

## MOTOR CYCLES ON FERRIES.

The Star Ferry Company's attention having been called to the serious inconvenience frequently caused by several motorcycles being transported on the one launch, the Committee urged the Company to limit the number of machines to one per trip. The Company replied promising to consider the matter and this week the Committee was able to report marked improvement, especially during the rush hours.

## COMMERCIAL

## HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT

## CHINA PROVIDENT RUMOUR.

Attention in the local stock market during the last few days has been centred in the China Provident shares which have appreciated about \$2 on the strength of a rumour that the company has sold some of its property at a profit. As far as is known, the only plot of property that might have been sold is the piece of land on Inland Lot No. 905 at Kennedy Town. At present the company has a hardware godown near this piece of land, the godown having a frontage on Belcher Street. The fact that the company sold some land next to the godown and then bought the piece on Lot 905 (which is behind the hardware godown) in the course of 1921 and 1922 is, it is believed, common knowledge. The property reported to have been disposed of cost the company about \$3.50 per square foot. With the greatly enhanced value ruling at present, the profit, if the land has been sold, must have been a fairly large sum.

Some, however, discredit the rumour that the land on Lot 905 has been sold. If this is correct, it is still more improbable that any of the company's other property has been disposed of. Practically all the other holdings are used as godowns or godowns are being built thereon. When the company first went into the godown business, it had P.R. Marine Lots 204 and 205 and twenty-four Chinese houses on Marine Lots 204 and 205. It also owned property at Possession Street and Catchick Street but these do not enter into the present rumour as they were sold as Chinese tenements long ago.

In 1920, the company sold, at a price very much higher than book figures, the houses on Marine Lots 204 and 205; these houses are now being demolished by their new owner. Since then it has acquired the godown next to their original holding, standing on P.R. Marine Lot 186 now known as Marine Lot 434. At various dates the company bought the godowns—some in course of construction and some completed—on Marine Lots 177, 178, 179, 180, 181 and 182, this property giving them an excellent frontage on the Praya. It has also acquired the godowns on Marine Lot 282.

According to experts, all these properties are admirably suited for warehousing business on an extensive scale. The company has already secured permission to construct a number of wharves so as to be able to cater for the steamers which discharge into their godowns. It therefore seems improbable that any of the land used for godowning purposes will have been sold.

## METALS MARKET.

Round Bars.—Some European importers are canvassing orders for indents of round bars, details being as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1" sizes, at \$5.15 to \$5.20 per picul ex-godown, usual terms, shipment in about three months. Small orders have been booked at these rates by the Chinese dealers. Corrugated Bars.—Brokers are also trying to book orders for corrugated bars,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12" at \$6.25 per picul ex-godown, usual terms, shipment in three months, but without success. Galvanised Pipes.—An absolute dearth of the 3" size has set in owing to buying for constructional work in the Colony. Builders are still on the look-out for spot goods and have offered over 18 cents per foot against 16 cents, the price ruling a short time ago.

## SUGAR ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Tijpanas" has arrived with some "new crop" Java sugar. After discharging at Taikoo (for the refinery) she will be in the stream to discharge goods consigned to Chinese importers. The s.s. "Tijaroem" and the "Tijekembang" are both expected to bring in large quantities of Java sugar but the exact quantities are not known yet.

## FLOUR.

The s.s. "Empress of Canada" carries some flour for local consignees on this outward trip.

## INSURANCE.

## THE OCEAN ACCIDENT &amp; GUARANTEE CORPORATION.

Addressing the shareholders at the annual meeting of the Ocean Ltd., the Chairman, Mr. E. Roger Owen, gave prominence to some interesting figures. In the course of his speech he said:—The assets stand at \$7,663,254, as against \$4,657,433. The revenue for the year amounted to \$5,694,647 as against \$5,837,194 in 1921. The premium income amounted to \$5,415,544, as against \$5,600,591, a decrease of £145,250. The claims paid and provided for amounted to \$3,076,974, representing 56.8 per cent. of the premium bonds, as compared with 54.1 per cent. in this

## LOCAL PRICES.

## STEAMER FREIGHTS HIGHER.

## POULTRY RISES AGAIN.

As is only to be expected, the announcement that the militarists will not allow merchant ships to go up the West River further than Shih King, has caused poultry prices in the Colony to soar.

Hongkong is almost entirely dependant on Wuchow for its supplies of poultry and the cessation of steamer traffic means a stop to imports. However, two small ships have managed to get down with full cargoes of foodstuffs and firewood. Yesterday, the "Shing Cheong" came in and this morning goods were landed from the "Chung On." From the two ships, the wholesalers received about eighty crates of poultry, a fraction of normal quantities. Not only were prices high but the market stalls had to be satisfied with very small numbers.

Firewood has been dear since the trouble began months ago. Chances of improvement are more remote now.

Pork is also up, reduced imports being the cause as in other commodities.

When all the vessels were running about a week ago, large quantities of cattle were brought down and the beef situation is not as acute as it was during the height of the last stoppage.

While on the question of high food costs, it is worth while mentioning why the river steamers have to charge higher freights. Previously, the round trip seldom occupied more than four days whereas now the trip takes about nine or ten days. Obstacles have to be overcome before plain sailing can be effected and it all means increased expenditure. Moreover, the owners have to look at things from the aspect of the risk taken.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the local American Consulate General.

12 noon July 11, 1923.

Typhoon in about 135 deg. Long. E. 10 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at noon to-day:

1.—Cyclone or typhoon E. of the Northern Visayas or South-east of Luzon, direction unknown.  
2.—Cyclone or typhoon North of Yap, moving N.E.

## OIL LIGHTER SUNK.

A warning to mariners posted up at the Harbour Office notifies that the oil lighter B.P.M. 87 is sunk in lat. 22.37N. long. 113.45E. The position is marked by a boat exhibiting a red flag by day and a red light by night, also a buoy. Ships are requested to give this position a wide berth and proceed at slow speed when passing. Salvage work is in progress.

previous year. The decrease in premiums was not due to loss of connections. In point of fact the number of policies on our books increased considerably during the year, and I am glad to say is still increasing to an extent which gives good hopes for the future expansion of our business. The reduction was almost entirely due to the diminished volume of premiums from workmen's compensation insurances, the result of continued industrial depression.

As to the more immediate future, I am happy to say that there are indications of improvement in various directions. Take, for instance, the United States of America, where we have a very important business. During the greater portion of last year they had not recovered from the serious depression under which they had been suffering, but towards the end of the year there were signs of improvement, and during the opening months of the present year, these signs have become more convincing, to the extent that our business in that country shows expansion in every department as compared with the same period of 1922. Likewise there are healthy indications of expanding business at most of our other overseas branches in the Dominions and elsewhere.

Consequent upon the retirement of the manager and secretary, Mr. W. Singleton Hooper, December 31, 1922, the directors have made the following appointments:—Manager, Mr. W. Langton Carey; assistant manager, Mr. W. T. Perry; and secretary, Mr. Christmas Evans.

The retiring directors, Mr. E. Roger Owen and the Earl of Dunmore, V.O., D.S.O., were re-elected and the report and accounts were passed.

## HOME TRADE FAIR.

## LOCAL CHINESE LARGELY INTERESTED.

## COMMITTEE'S HARD WORK.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, was seen this morning by a *China Mail* representative, regarding the local preparations being made by Chinese merchants to participate in the British Empire Trade Exhibition to be held in 1924.

"The Chinese Exhibition Committee are doing their utmost to push on matters," said Mr. Kotewall. "This kind of business is necessarily slow. It took time to ascertain how far the Government was prepared to go in the way of financial assistance and now that the Government's views have been ascertained, we have invited applications from would-be exhibitors as to their requirements and the nature of their exhibits. The Committee have drawn up a memorandum, giving particulars of the nature of the Government assistance and requirements. The Government has undertaken to defray the entire cost of erecting the buildings to the amount of approximately \$40,000 and has also agreed to give to the Chinese Exhibition Committee \$150,000 towards the cost of freight, passages and maintenance. It has further agreed to guarantee any loss that the Chinese exhibitors may suffer to the amount of \$100,000 against a similar guarantee of \$50,000 to be given by the Chinese."

"The Government is anxious that as representative a collection of goods as are manufactured in or handled by the Colony, should be sent to the exhibition, and also that the actual processes of manufacture should be exhibited."

"The Chinese Committee are working hard towards this end. Though they have not yet before them the result of applications for show space, they have tentatively asked the Government to have twenty-four shops provided for Chinese exhibits in the Hongkong section, and they are in hopes that all the twenty-four shops will be taken up."

## BLACKWOOD AND EMBROIDERY.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, the secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, was also interviewed.

He said that twenty-four houses had been booked for Chinese exhibitors. It was at first hoped to be able to get the list of intending exhibitors ready by July 15 but it had to be delayed till the end of the month. According to his present calculations he was afraid that twenty-four houses would not mean sufficient accommodation.

The committee appointed by the Chamber to deal with the Exhibition had almost perfected their arrangements. They had received a large number of applications which were still coming in. Mr. Ip was sanguine that Hongkong Chinese would put up a creditable exhibition.

Asked as to what trades would be in preponderance, Mr. Ip said that the majority of applications were from blackwood makers and silk embroiderers. Most of these represented Hongkong establishments but a few Canton firms were included. Preparations were also going ahead for the restaurant display.

A circular had been freely distributed to local business men explaining the extent of the Government's assistance. The benefits to be gained from participation are pointed out and merchants are requested to do all they can to further the interests of the Exhibition.

## TYPHOON SIGNALS.

## CANTON TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

The Chinese Maritime Customs' Harbour Authorities at Canton after July 15 are introducing a system which will indicate by night, by means of coloured lights, the direction of a gale in Hongkong. Night signals will be hoisted from sunset to sunrise as follows:

Three lights vertical.	Gale from
2. N. (NW to NE)	Green
3. S. (SE to SW)	Red
4. E. (NE to SE)	Green
5. W. (NW to SW)	Red

Gale expected to increase. Typhoon expected.

Telegrams received in Canton, giving further information regarding typhoons, which cannot be repeated by signal, will be posted at the Customs' Harbour Master's Office, where any fuller information required may be obtained.

As typhoon warnings are received from Hongkong by telegraph, the repetition of the signals at Canton will be dependent on the telegraph wire being in working order.

It is to be noted that the above signals all refer to the weather in Hongkong. The day signals will remain as heretofore.

## LAUNCH MISHAP.

## RESCUING VESSEL'S MASTER PROSECUTED.

A charge of wrongfully lying his launch alongside the Kowloon Police pier thereby obstructing the free access of other vessels was dismissed when the defendant, the master of the steam launch "Yew Shing," explained to the Marine Magistrate (Commander G. W. Beckwith, R.N.) to-day that the police engaged him to take passengers from the launch which over-turned on Sunday and that he had rescued many from the water. He explained that he left his launch alongside the police pier while he and all the crew went to the police station to give their versions of the mishap.

The master of the steam launch "Kwong Chow" against whom there were three previous convictions was fined \$20, in default a month's jail, for failure to observe the rule of the road in the harbour.

The Chief Secretary to the Peking Cabinet, Chang Ting-ao, is being appointed Director of the Salt Administration, according to a *Daily Bulletin* cable.

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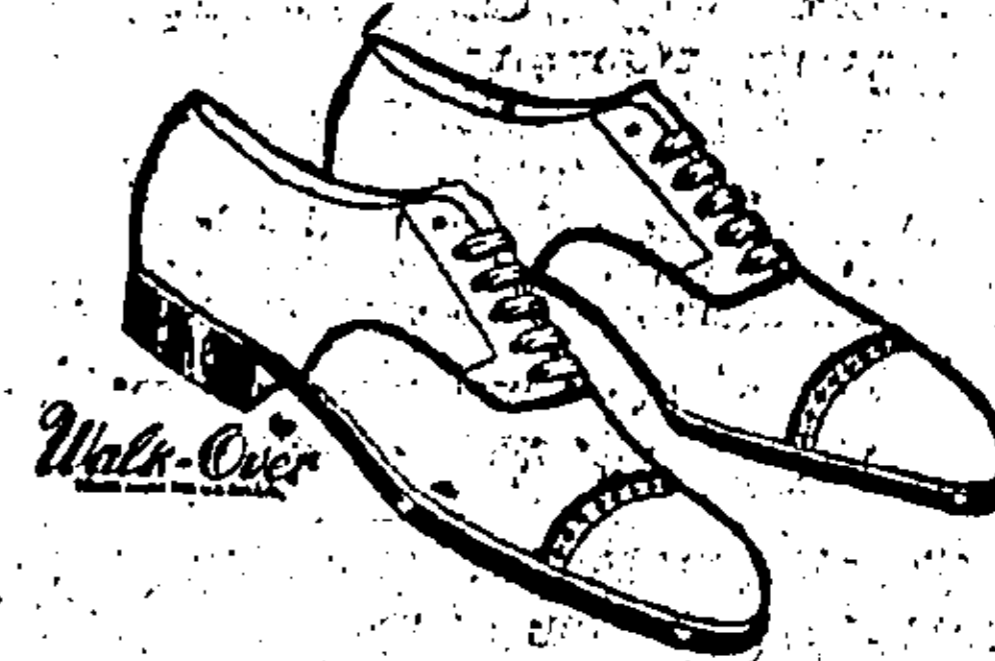
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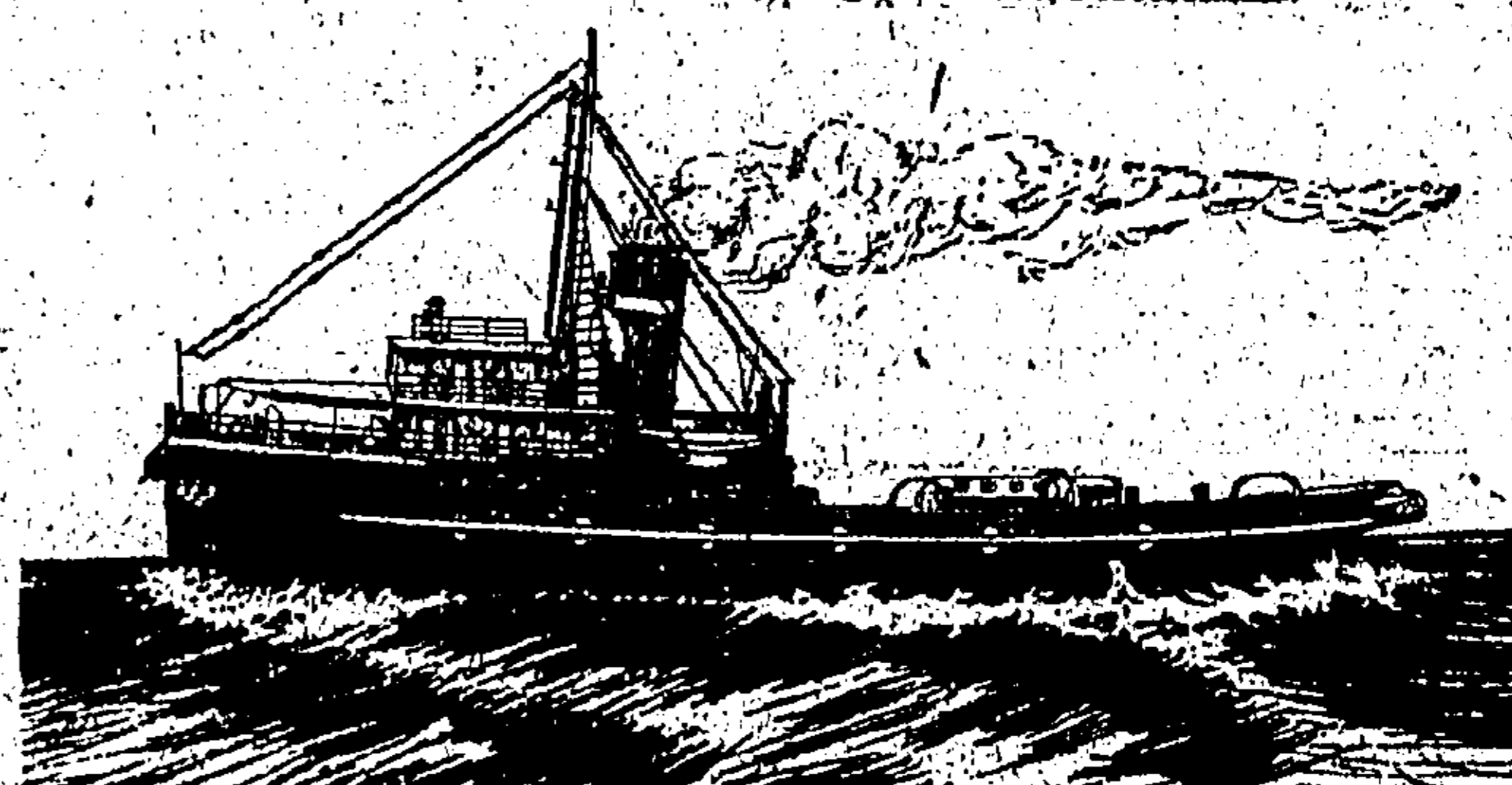
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### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### TEACHING LANGUAGES HERE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir—Will you be good enough to allow me through your valuable paper to refer to certain points that the members of the Education Board have been so earnestly discussing at their meetings held on 6th June last and 4th instant.

As you know, there have been lively discussions as to whether the French (or Portuguese) should be taught to Portuguese children at the Bellios School. At their first meeting the Board decided to ascertain the feelings of the Portuguese Community, which at their meeting held at the Club Lusitano on the 18th June last, decided that the teaching of the Portuguese language should be compulsory to Portuguese scholars in this Colony. A speaker at this meeting expressed the Community's thanks to the Education Board for their wise decision to leave the matter at abeyance until they ascertain the feelings of the Portuguese parents.

Sir, before I proceed in this intricate matter, I crave your indulgence as well as that of the august "Education Board," in case I fail to make out my case.

As recently interested in the education of children in general, and very particularly in the education of Portuguese young folks, I must state that that resolution passed by the Portuguese Community to be submitted to the Board was not based on the patriotism alone but also on the ground of usefulness. But now, having had the Community's feelings put before them in an unmistakable manner, it looks as if some of the Members of the Board were a little inclined to entertain them sympathetically.

The study of the Portuguese language to the Portuguese children according to the principles of Pedagogy, if it is not found possible in this Colony to proceed, should at least go along with the teaching of English.

To be brief, I herewith put before the enlightened readers the views of the great and popular former Governor of Hongkong, Sir John Pope Hennessy—

"The deplorable effect of this state of things, growing from day to day, could not escape the quick intellect of Sir John Pope Hennessy, who, in a public speech, praising the good qualities of the Macanese boys, could not, however, help remarking that, generally speaking, they are deficient in English composition. The reason of this defect we need not go far to seek—it is found in the elements of ideology: words being the expression of ideas, and our ideas being shaped by words of the language imbued with the mother's milk, it follows that perfection in the native tongue must be the basis of all acquisitions, linguistic, literary, or scientific. It is, consequently, of the utmost importance that the study of Portuguese should precede that of English."

(Extr. Re. Tricent. Camoes, Page 90.)

Now, Sir, what I wish to emphasize and I have no doubt you will concur with me in this: When one knows well one's mother's tongue one can master easily a foreign language. Therefore, if the Portuguese children are allowed to learn first their own tongue, the study specially of French, Italian and Spanish, their sisters' languages, would be an easy matter for them and would save themselves of the big shame of not knowing their own tongue.

Is it not a very sad thing, then, to see those responsible to talk of teaching French, instead of Portuguese, to the Portuguese children? The Headmistress of the Bellios School has raised the question of the preference for French. Don't you think, Sir, that some of the Members of the Education Board seem to have got stuck to it?

Now, let us go further practically. On the ground of usefulness, I dare to submit that the German language should take preference to the French and going further to the bottom of the matter, I, without fearing of being contradicted on practical grounds, beg to state

### WEST RIVER PERILS.

#### CHINESE CHAMBER'S CONCERN.

The obstacles encountered by the West River steamers trying to make the through trip to Wuchow were discussed at the monthly committee meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon when Mr. Li Po-kwai presided.

Members present were informed that the Hongkong Government had been approached with a view to securing protection for Wuchow steamers flying the Chinese flag. The chairman announced that two replies had been received from the Colonial Secretary. They were to the effect that His Majesty's Senior Naval Officer on the West River had approached the commanders of the Cantonese and the Kwangsi forces and had been informed that steamers could pass up and down if engaged in legitimate trade. The Kwangsi-ites had stipulated that nine short blasts be blown when approaching Do Sing.

It was then mentioned that some military had just given orders that no ship was to proceed beyond Shiu Hing.

Reference was made to assistance given to the charitable institutions of Canton in securing exemption for them of payment of military contribution to the Canton authorities.

The Chamber's help had also been solicited by an association in Canton which had as its object the suppression of the kidnapping of small boys by press gangs on the pretence of commandeering labour for war transport.

An invitation had been sent to the "China Mail" to attend the discussion on water meters but when this question came up the Press was excluded as the meeting proposed to deal in camera with the reports which had come in.

### MAN OVERBOARD.

#### MACAO BOAT INCIDENT.

The trip from Macao yesterday by the "Sui An" was punctuated by a heart-breaking incident. A man jumped overboard. The alarm was given and the ringing of the engine room telegraph indicated that the first steps were being taken for the rescue. The ship slowed down, swung round on her track and cruising slowly over the spot, lowered her boat. It was, at first, thought that the unfortunate man had been a victim of fanat, but later it became known that a woman passenger had complained of the loss of an article of clothing. Suspicion fell on a man of about 30 years, who chagrined at the discovery, slipped from hands that would detain him, and overboard, and after a little while, out of sight. The conditions for a rescue were favourable, the alarm being promptly given, the engineer on duty was at his post, the lifeboat gear worked without a hitch, but the efforts were unavailing.

that, at least for us the Portuguese, living in this part of the world it is more useful and necessary to know Portuguese first, then English and Chinese. By knowing how to read Chinese the scholars in after life would not be entirely at the mercy of the Chinese Staff, etc., etc. Similarly for those Portuguese living in British India it is useful, besides the Portuguese, English and the Indian, further in France and Belgium, Portuguese, French and English, and so on.

In conclusion, the teaching of French, though a beautiful language, to the Portuguese children would be a luxury. Let them first learn their own tongue when they will have a deep knowledge of the indispensable English language and next comes the Chinese language as the most useful in this part of the world. I believe that I have struck the point of usefulness which some of the Members of the Education Board are aiming at.

Thanking you and apologizing for encroaching so much, I remain, Yours, etc.,

VICTOR SORIANO  
Hongkong, July 10, 1923.

### STORIES OF THE OPERA.

#### MIGNON.

Mignon, a daughter of noble parents, was stolen when a child by gypsies, and is forced to dance in the streets by Gianni, chief of a Gypsy Band. Mignon's father, Lothario, whose mind has been affected by his daughter's abduction, wanders about seeking her. Mignon is ordered to dance by the Gypsy chief, but is too tired to do so, and is threatened with punishment, when Wilhelm, a young student, protects her and questions her about her parents. She remembers little but tells him of her impression of home. Wilhelm, full of pity for the helpless girl, offers the Gypsy chief a sum of money to release her, and goes in to the inn to complete the bargain. Lothario comes to Mignon to bid her farewell, saying he must go south, following the swallows. Wilhelm is now invited to go to the castle of Prince Tiefenbach with the troupe of players, headed by the lovely Filina, who has observed the handsome student with an appreciative eye. He hesitates, thinking of Mignon, but also begs to be allowed to accompany him disguised as a servant. Wilhelm finally yields a reluctant consent, not knowing what else to do. Wilhelm makes love to the actress Filina, Mignon watching with a sad heart, as she has learned to love him. When left alone she tries to make her complexion as beautiful as that of the actress by the aid of Filina's rouge. After Wilhelm has returned she makes her appearance in one of Filina's dresses, and he tells her that he must leave her. Mignon begins to weep, refuses money which he has offered her, and is about to bid him farewell when Filina enters and seeing Mignon in one of her own dresses, eyes her with sarcastic amusement, which puts Mignon into a jealous rage and she rushes to a cabinet, tears off the borrowed plumes and puts on her gypsy garments. Mignon in despair tries to throw herself in the park lake, but is prevented by Lothario who consoles her. In a fit of jealousy she wishes that fire would consume the castle in which Filina has won her master's affection. Lothario is puzzled. The actors and guests issue from the castle proclaiming the beauty and talent of Filina. Wilhelm now sees Mignon and is about to speak to her when Filina interposes and asks her to go to the castle on some errand. The young girl, glad to escape meeting Wilhelm, obeys, but has no sooner gone than the castle is discovered to be in flames, the half-witted Lothario having set fire to it after having heard Mignon's jealous wish. Wilhelm rushes in to the burning castle and reappears with the unconscious form of Mignon. Lothario has returned to his castle with Mignon, followed by Wilhelm who now realises that he loves his youthful ward. Mignon is recovering from a dangerous illness, and as Lothario watches outside her sick room sings a beautiful lullaby. Mignon comes with feeble steps to the balcony and seeing Wilhelm is much agitated. He endeavours to soothe her, but she insists that only Lothario loves her. Lothario now enters and announces that he is the Count Lothario, having been restored to his right mind by the familiar scenes of his ancestral home. He shows them the jewels and prayer book of his lost daughter and tells them her name is Spectata. Mignon starts at the name and begins to read from the little book a little prayer, but soon drops the book and continues from memory, her hands clasped and her eyes raised to heaven. Lothario is much agitated and when she has finished, recognises her as his lost daughter. Father and daughter are reunited, while a blessing is bestowed on the young people by Lothario. The story is based upon Goethe's Wilhelm Meister. Music by Ambrose Thomas.

### NEW BRICKWORKS.

#### CASTLE PEAK SITE SOLD FOR \$63,500.

There was brisk bidding for the new brickworks site near San Hui, Castle Peak, which was offered for sale by auction in the new Court Room of the Taipo Land office yesterday morning. The area is approximately 23 acres and the upset price was \$975. The District Officer, after reading the conditions of sale, stated that the Government was not selling the lot with the object of raising money, but with the idea of having a brick factory established, so that the Colony may have an increased supply of bricks.

The special conditions attached to the sale included the following:—The purchaser shall within 2 years from the date of sale expend a sum of not less than \$300,000 in the construction of a brickworks capable of turning out not less than 50,000 bricks per diem. Bidding began at \$1,000 and advanced rapidly to \$63,500 at which price the lot was secured by the Manager of the Chung Kwong Coy. Later on there was lively competition for a number of agricultural lots.

### MEDICAL RESEARCH.

#### ANOTHER FRIENDSHIP BOND WITH U.S.

The King and Queen visited University College Hospital and University College, Gower-street, W.C. The King laid the foundation-stone of the new Obstetric Hospital and the Queen that of the new Nurses' Home. His Majesty also opened the new School of Anatomy.

In reply to an address of welcome read by Sir Ernest Hatch (chairman of the general committee), the King said: There can be but few instances on record in which any foundation has received, like this college and medical school, £1,200,000 from a single benefactor in a single gift. And the magnificent generosity of the Rockefeller Trustees is the more impressive since it is bestowed by a citizen of the United States upon a college and hospital in London, and thus upon the people of Great Britain and the Empire.

That they should have selected the University of London to receive this princely endowment is not merely a high and well-deserved compliment and the creation of yet another tie of sympathy and friendship which links us with the United States, but it is also the evidence and declaration of their conviction that the progress of science and the welfare of mankind are not delimited by national or racial boundaries, and that work done here in London for the relief of human suffering, the improvement of medical education, and the advance of science is a service to the whole world.

No appreciation can be too great for the devotion with which eminent physicians and surgeons have given, and are giving, their services to the treatment of hospital patients and the training of students.

The Queen has always been actively interested in the care of maternity and infant life, and keenly conscious of its fundamental importance to the national health.

Two of the chief requisites for bringing about a better state of things are to ensure that medical men are well and efficiently trained for their work, and to provide maternity hospitals in which patients may be received. Referring to the Queen's pleasure at the establishment of the Nurses' Home, the King said: We fully recognise how vital to the cause of public health it is that the nation should possess a body of nurses adequate in number, efficiently trained for their work, and bent on maintaining the high standard of unselfish devotion which has been the glory of English nursing.

### CRIME DUE TO CROWDING.

#### CAN ANYBODY BE SUR- PRISED, ASKS JUDGE.

A terrible charge, for which overcrowding, due to the house shortage, appeared to be responsible, was dealt with at the Old Bailey. It was shown that a father, aged sixty-three, slept in the same bed as his daughter, aged twenty-four, that a son, aged seventeen, occupied the same room, and that in another room a boy of twelve and a girl of twenty, members of the same family, slept together. Mr. Justice Riggby Swift (to prosecuting counsel): Are you surprised at immorality under these circumstances?

Counsel: Not in the least. The Judge: It is a terrible state of affairs. How it is to be stopped I don't know. The father was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, and the daughter was bound over.

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## OBITUARY.

## MRS. D. E. DONNELLY.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mrs. Donnelly, wife of Mr. D. E. Donnelly, which occurred in a London nursing home on Sunday last. The news which is conveyed in a cable to Mr. Whyte, Mr. Donnelly's partner, was not altogether unexpected as Mrs. Donnelly has been in indifferent health since the birth of her youngest son five months ago. Last week, Mr. Whyte received a cable from Mr. Donnelly from Vancouver stating that he had been telegraphed for as Mrs. Donnelly was dangerously ill. Mr. Donnelly was to have sailed from Montreal to-morrow.

Mrs. Donnelly, who before her marriage in 1909 was Miss Belle Johns, was born in North China and left here in September last for England where her children three girls, aged 13, 11, and one boy aged 7, were at school. The youngest child, a boy, was born five months ago. In February last, Mrs. Donnelly had to undergo a serious operation in a London nursing home, from which she fully recovered. Before she left the home, however, she developed malignant malaria, which, it is presumed, resulted in her death.

Mr. Donnelly had already purchased a property in Vancouver where Mrs. Donnelly intended to make her home with the family so that they could complete their education and be within a fortnight's journey of their father. Passages had already been booked from England and Mr. Donnelly was expecting them to reach Vancouver next month.

## CHINA'S POLITICS.

## STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

PEKING, July 11. General Hsiang Ping-chi is working hard for the election of Tsao Kuo by legal means as far as possible.

His first object is to fill the vacancies in the Cabinet, so that the latter can carry on the Presidential functions.

General Hsiang Ping-chi is at present urging Wang Kuo-min and Dr. Wellington Koo to take up their posts.

The opinion is held in official circles that Wang Kuo-min will take up the post on Monday, and that possibly Dr. Wellington Koo will do likewise.

After the Cabinet is completed, General Hsiang Ping-chi hopes to persuade the members of Parliament to speedily complete the Constitution, after which it will elect a President.

The chief difficulty in the scheme is that of obtaining a quorum in Parliament, but the opinion is held that this may be surmounted by appointing new members in place of those who have left Peking.

The opinion prevails in many quarters that Wang Kuo-min's appointment may lead to a settlement of the gold franc problem.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

## THE BOVRIL OPERA.

## CARMEN AT THE STAR THEATRE.

We fell from grace last night and assisted in insisting on Scanzuzi giving an encore. He had no option and repeated the Toreador song. This is the first encore given during the season. We have it on the authority of a London gentleman that encores Italian Opera is the proper thing, as without it, it loses some of its force. Perhaps, the Toreador is the least satisfactory of the many things done by Scanzuzi. His voice does not reach low enough and is lost in a mist of sound. But personality saves the thing and we have a dashing, fearless, romantic Toreador, ready and eager to subdue any Bull he has to meet in the ring. The programme was most unreliable giving wrong names. All along there has been a disregard of the convenience of the audience either no programme being provided, or printed in Spanish, or not being accurate with regard to the names of the actual performers. Signor Cappelli took the role of Don Jose. His impersonation lacked that passion which we have seen others infuse in to the part of the luckless Officer. But apart from this he sang sweetly. Mlle. Vornova's Carmen was a provoking person; insolent and bewitching. She sang and acted in splendid form and was unquestionably a great success. Mlle. Ambrosio as a peasant girl was also in good voice. Splendid help from a fine orchestra and chorus helped in no uncertain way to make Carmen the success it was. The ballet also was a picturesque thing. To-night the season closes with "Mignon." We give the story in another part of this issue. There was a full and brilliant house.

## SHIPPING.

## EAST ASIATIC CO.

## DIVERSIFIED INTERESTS.

The extraordinary wide interests of the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., of Copenhagen, are all touched upon in the current annual report, the 20th. While most people consider this enterprising Danish concern only as a shipping company, its activities also include the cement factory at Nordsundby, the East Asiatic Industrial and Plantation Company, which deals with rubber, the Danish Soya cake Factory, the Naskov Shipbuilding yard and the United Baltic Corporation of London.

The shipyard has at present several orders in hand for foreign owners, as well as vessels for the parent company. The company has flourishing branches throughout the Far East, and it originally bought ships to bring the products of the East to the Continent. Now, of course, its fleet is an open competitor with the leading shipping companies of Europe.

In the company's shipping department the disparity between the tonnage of the world and the relatively small quantity of goods to be carried has contributed to a weak freight market which has not been accompanied by a corresponding reduction in working expenses. The Department, however, showed a surplus, and during the last months of the year there was some improvement in the freight market. The company's routes were served by its own vessels as well as those of the Orient Steamship Company. It is now intended to arrange for the building of additional large vessels. The China-Japan service gave comparatively satisfactory results, there having been considerable cargoes available. In the Siam Straits service there was a scarcity of outward cargo, and competition for homeward cargo was strong until September when a mutual understanding was reached. The rice crop in Siam promised particularly well for the coming season, and should bring a corresponding improvement in homeward freights, while prospects are also brighter for outward freights.

In the service to Australia homeward freights were rather low but outward rates comparatively good. There had been only small cargoes available on the North and South Pacific Coast routes, and more stable conditions were anticipated from the conferences that had been arranged. South African outward freights had been comparatively good, but for homeward cargoes the ships had to seek other ports.

The Baltic America Line—which, like last year, appears as a separate company in the accounts—has maintained a regular service between Libau, Danzig and New York, with occasional calls at Halifax and Cuxhaven during the season. The passenger traffic to America has been affected by the more stringent American immigration regulations. The total number of passengers carried in 1922 amounts to 21,379, distributed on 26 round voyages. The exchange of goods between the Baltic States and America has not been extensive. The export from the Baltic countries has only just commenced, and the lack of goods for export is still strongly felt; at the same time the falling purchasing power limits the importation to only the most essential necessities.

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## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

Amherst, (On Fat) from Hoihow.—C40.  
Kwangchow, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B71.  
Kyokoto Maru, (Dodwell & Co.) from Chinwanatao.—B50.  
Apoei, (Wo Fat Sing) from Saigon.—B22.  
Taiszema, (Van Fat) from Kwong Chow Wan.—C40.  
Hosang, (J. M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—C37.  
Haiphong, (Fok Tai Cheong) from Saigon.—C44.  
Yangtzeikang, (Cheong Fat) from Hoihow.—C21.

## DEPARTURES.

Suiyang, (B. & S.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—July 12.  
Empress of Asia, (C. P. S. Ltd.) for Vancouver, Shai.—July 12.  
Saigon, (Kue Woo) for Quinhon.—July 12.  
Seistan, (Nemaze) for Hongay.—July 12.  
Tatyo Maru, (T.E.K.) for San Francisco, Manila.—July 12.  
Hydrangea, (Chin On) for Swatow.—July 12.  
President Grant, (Ad. Line) for Manila.—July 12.  
Amherst, (On Fat) for Hoihow.—July 12.

A wedding original in its colour scheme and artistic in all its details was celebrated on the afternoon of July 6 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Seitz in Route Potter, Shanghai, when Miss Isabelle Ellington Hill, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hill, became the bride of Mr. Edward Patterson Williams Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Williams of Philadelphia. Miss Hill, who was prominent in her class at the University of California, has been in China and the Philippines for some two years during which time she has made many friends, and Mr. Williams is well known as the China representative of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, with headquarters in Peking.

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Donald McNeill

The possibility of war between Great Britain and Soviet Russia was foreshadowed in the British House of Commons when Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, announced that the gunboat Harebell had been sent to the Murmansk coast to protect British fishing vessels, with orders to use force if necessary. A violent scene followed the speech, Laborites bitterly assailing the policy of the Government.



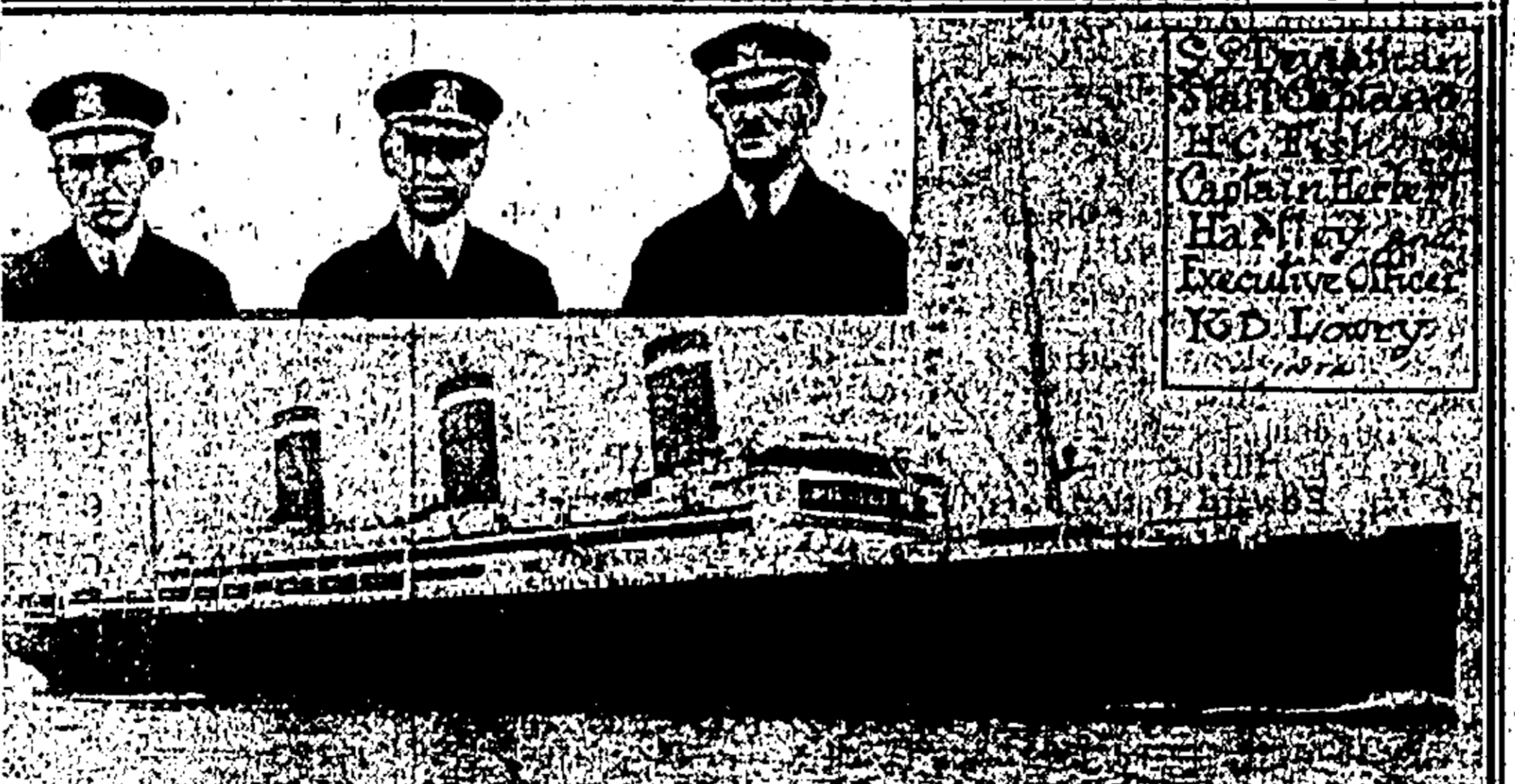
The Hon. Arthur Ponsonby

The Hon. Arthur Ponsonby, who was Page of Honor to Queen Victoria, of Great Britain, and who is now a member of the House of Commons, has introduced a bill in Parliament seeking to abolish hereditary titles in Great Britain. The bill has been advanced to second reading in Commons, despite the frenzied protests of the Tories, and amid wild shouts from the Labour benches. Ponsonby, who is related to many noble families, was once a Liberal, but is now a Laborite.



Cleveland P.C. disaster

In this huge grave 59 of the dead of the terrible fire disaster in the little wooden schoolhouse at Cleveland, were buried. The victims were so badly burned that of the 70 dead only 11 could be identified for individual interment.



The S. S. "Leviathan," formerly the German liner Vaterland, now the greatest vessel in the world in point of tonnage, is shown steaming out of Newport News, where she was reconditioned and turned into an oil burner, at a cost of \$8,500,000. She was on her way to Boston, where she was to enter the great navy drydock to have her bottom scraped before her speed trials. This is the first trip of the vessel since she was used as a troop carrier in the World War. The "Leviathan," which is to enter passenger service in July, is commanded by Captain Herbert Hartley with H. C. Fish as her Staff Captain and K. B. Lowmy as her Executive Officer.



General Lawrence D. Tyson

Daring radical surgery, with the aid of a local anesthetic only, cheated death of a victim in a Boston hospital. Dr. Grant S. Kedjian, a young Armenian surgeon, operated on a 62-year-old woman, who had cancer and was unable to undergo total anesthesia. The infected area was covered with moxycine. All feeling thus eliminated, the patient stoically watched every detail of the operation, which lasted three hours.



General Lawrence D. Tyson

General Lawrence D. Tyson has opened his campaign for election as Senator from Tennessee, seeking the Democratic nomination, which is regarded as the same as election. General Tyson is a graduate of West Point, seeing active service first in the Spanish-America War. During the World War he commanded the Fifty-ninth Brigade of the Thirtieth Division, which, with the Twenty-seventh Division, smashed the Hindenburg line while serving with the British in Flanders. General Tyson now practises law.



Alva B. Adams

Here is the first picture of Alva B. Adams, son of the late Governor Alva Adams, who has been appointed to the United States Senate from his native State.



Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, Mrs. Florence Leeds, Baby Jay Leeds

A new turn in the Stillman divorce scandal—which shook the nation when James A. Stillman, then head of the National City Bank, the greatest financial institution in America, charged that Fred Beauvais, a Canadian-Indian guide, was the father of Guy Stillman, youngest son of his wife, Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman—has been reached. Mrs. Stillman was vindicated, and she in turn charged that Stillman was the father of Jay Leeds, son of Florence Leeds, a former stage beauty, and that Stillman was maintaining Mrs. Leeds in luxury. Now Mrs. Leeds declares she is contemplating suit against Stillman for the \$1,500 a month he formerly paid her for the support of the child. She alleges Stillman paid this sum all during the divorce suit and then cast her off. Mrs. Stillman, in a remarkable interview, declared her children had been brought up to believe Jay Leeds was their half-brother and offered to rear the child herself if Mrs. Leeds has to give it up.



Mrs. Madlynne Obenchain

Mrs. Madlynne Obenchain, freed after three sensational trials in Los Angeles on the charge of murdering her sweetheart, is shown here with her attorney, on her way to the office of the District Attorney, to tell what she knew of the escape from the Los Angeles jail of Clara Phillips, who was serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, whom she beat to death with a hammer. It is alleged Mrs. Obenchain took all Mrs. Phillips' clothing from the jail when she was released after her third trial.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## WARNING TO AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, July 10th.  
Mr. W. M. Hughes (ex-Prime Minister of Australia), in the course of a striking warning issued in the Sydney Daily Telegraph with regard to Australia's empty spaces, discusses Japan's need of an outlet for her surplus population, and its relation to Australia. He says that it is hardly for Australia, whose great need is population, to complain if Japan does not consent to impose checks to the increase of her own. If she does not, nothing is surer than that before many years have passed, her overcrowded and half-starved millions will make a grand trek. He asks: "If these millions, tucked at our doors, how can we deny them admittance?" and declares that it would be more in the interest of the greater part of the world that three millions should settle in Australia and produce wealth, than that they should remain idle and die.

## FATAL EXPLOSION.

ALTON, ILLINOIS, July 10th.  
Nine persons were killed and 25 injured by an explosion, which took place in the shell room of the Western Cartridge Co.'s factory. The dead include four women.

## COAL TRANSPORT RATES.

WASHINGTON, July 10th.  
Acting on a recommendation made by the Coal Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered an investigation of all rates for the transportation of anthracite mined in the United States. An investigation has also been ordered regarding transport rates for foreign anthracite.

## DOCKERS' DISPUTE.

LONDON, July 10th.  
There are growing signs that the dockers' strike is waning. The men have now returned on the new shipping out from at Bermuda, while they have also decided to resume at Barry and Cardiff, but some of the other centres are still holding off.

## MORE LOSS.

## BRITISH INDUSTRY AND THE RUHR.

Those who still cherish the delusion that the French occupation of the Ruhr will prove a stimulus to British industry have, unhappily, received yet another proof of their error. Mr. Douglas Vickers, in his review of the past trading year of Vickers, Limited, alludes to the effect of the international situation on British engineering in the following terms: "Coal and coke companies and makers of raw steel of ordinary qualities have gained a passing advantage, but on the whole the French occupation of the Ruhr is causing a considerable loss to the engineering trades of this country. Under the circumstances it is not easy to forecast the results of the year 1923. I can only say that, unless there is a definite change, this year is not likely to be different from 1922. Mr. Vickers was the more reluctant to accept this conclusion because signs of improvement at the end of last year had been unmistakable. Last July he had been able confidently to predict a break in the clouds. Only a few months ago he would have said that his hopes were on the point of being fulfilled. In December there was a distinct revival in the steel trade, more inquiries for shipbuilding and engineering material, and a general feeling of greater confidence which we all thought the beginning of better times." Upon this as yet frail and delicate shoot the French Ruhr occupation fell like a blight. "The production of coal and steel in that district was reduced and diverted from its natural course with the result that the prices of coal and coke rose here, and that of steel followed." The natural result was the rise in the cost of ships and engineering products to a price which holds off the few buyers who have not already been frightened away by the uncertainty of the political situation. This statement—coming as it does from the chairman of one of our greatest engineering firms, who knows the steel trade and who, having received part of his training in Germany, is well acquainted with German conditions—is unequivocal with regard to British engineering. Indeed, to those not blinded by political or national prejudice, such consequences have appeared inevitable from the first. Engineering.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo by the "West Cayote" not taken delivery of by July 16 will be re-exported on July 17 at 20 a.m. Agents: Messrs. J. & A. G. W. & Co., Ltd. "West Cayote" model vessel after July 16 will be subject to re-export. Consignee will be re-exported on July 14 at 9 a.m. Agents: Messrs. J. & A. G. W. & Co., Ltd.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

## VESSELS DUE

FROM MANILA.  
Aug. 5.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
16.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM JAPAN.  
July 16.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada.

FROM JAVA.  
July 19.—J.O.J.L. Tilmann.  
22.—J.O.J.L. Tilmann.

FROM CALCUTTA.  
July 17.—N.Y.K. Awa Maru.

FROM BANGKOK.  
July 17.—E.A. Banks.

FROM SINGAPORE.  
Aug. 5.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
16.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
July 16.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.  
Aug. 5.—E.A. Banks.  
Sept. 10.—E.A. Banks.  
Oct. 3.—E.A. Banks.  
Nov. 5.—E.A. Banks.  
Dec. 10.—E.A. Banks.

FROM VANCOUVER.  
July 12.—N.Y.K. Kaga Maru.  
15.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada.  
25.—B.F. Philoctetes.  
Aug. 23.—B.F. Philoctetes.  
Oct. 4.—B.F. Philoctetes.  
Nov. 23.—B.F. Philoctetes.  
Dec. 13.—B.F. Philoctetes.

FROM PORTLAND.  
July 26.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM NEW YORK.  
July 15.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Aug. 1.—B.F. Telemachus.

FROM SEATTLE.  
July 26.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Aug. 23.—B.F. Telemachus.  
Sept. 28.—B.F. Telemachus.

FROM LOS ANGELES.  
July 17.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
27.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.  
July 17.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.  
27.—U.S.S.B. West Chopaka.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.  
July 15.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.  
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21.—J.O.J.L. Tilmann.  
Aug. 23.—B.F. Philoctetes.  
Sept. 10.—E.A. Banks.  
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FROM LONDON.  
July 12.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
16.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru.  
22.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
24.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
31.—G.L. Gleaner.  
Aug. 11.—P. & O. Kashmir.  
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FROM LIVERPOOL.  
July 22.—B.F. Telemachus.  
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